

DataCite Newsletter

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What's new?

- ◆ **The DataCite 2020 vision.** At the start of 2020, Executive Director Matt Buys shares the DataCite 2020 vision in this [blog post](#). Based on DataCite's strategic plan, we identified four priorities for this year. Throughout the year we will continue to refine these based on your input, so if you have comments, questions, or suggestions, please let us know!
- ◆ **The ORCID DE project.** This month the second German ORCID has started. DataCite's contribution to this project focuses on ROR, the Research Organization Registry. We will explore use cases for ROR adoption in Germany and ensure that these feed into the larger ROR project. Read more in the [official announcement](#)!
- ◆ **The best PID party of the year!** This week [PIDapalooza 2020](#) took place and it may have been the best one yet! Thanks to all of you who were there and helped make it a success! A special thanks to our colleagues from CDL, Crossref, and ORCID who co-organized the festival with us, the three wonderful keynote speakers, and our amazing program committee. We are already looking forward to 2021!



Question of the month

Every day we receive questions about DataCite services. Each month we will share one of our favorites.

What is the difference between the Publisher and the Contributor in the DataCite Metadata Schema?

In the DataCite metadata schema, the Publisher is the name of the entity that holds, archives, publishes prints, distributes, releases, issues, or produces the resource. This property will be used to formulate the citation, so consider the prominence of the role. The Contributor is the institution or person responsible for collecting, managing, distributing, or otherwise contributing to the development of the resource. For all information about the DataCite Metadata Schema please refer to [this page](#). For information about the latest version of the schema (4.3) click "More Info". You can download a [PDF](#) with the complete definitions for every metadata field. You can also review changes to the schema and see examples.

Tech update

- ◆ **Data Citation:** We're off to a flying start in January, releasing the data citation display in DataCite Search. We've been working on this for a long time, and we're really excited to get community feedback. In many disciplines, citing datasets is new territory, and we're hoping this release will help foster a conversation about what data citations are and the nuances of data reuse. For full details on our thought processes, see [our blog post](#).
- ◆ **Member API:** We've also made an update behind the scenes. We've now separated [our member API from our public API](#). Nothing has changed in terms of how you interact with the API, but traffic is now routed to different servers based on whether you're authenticated or not. This will help us to better handle server load and to better monitor response time for different sets of services. You can see this monitoring in action on our [status page](#)!

Save the date!

The DataCite Member meeting - February 5, 2020, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Next week the first member meeting of 2020 will take place in Amsterdam. Remote participation is available, so if you haven't registered but would like to join the conversation, please contact us at support@datacite.org.

IDCC - February 17-20, 2020, Dublin, Ireland

The yearly [International Digital Curation Conference](#) is coming up and we'll be joining with a PID graph demo. If you've always wondered what questions you can answer using the PID graph, this is a good opportunity to find out! In addition, we'll be doing a lightning talk on ROR for those of you who want a quick update on recent ROR adventures.

RDA Germany - February 25-27, 2020, Potsdam, Germany

The RDA plenary meetings are always on our list but this year we will also be joining the [RDA Germany meeting](#). Great preparation for the RDA plenary meeting that will take place in Melbourne in March.

Welcome to new DataCite members

- [Open Imagery Network, Inc. \(DBA Radiant Earth Foundation\)](#)
- [Yale NUS College](#)

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